

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY WELLINGTON

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INFO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

AMCONSUL AUCKLAND BY POUCH

AMCONSUL MELBOURNE

AMEMBASSY SUVA

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAIR, ELAB, NZ

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE ENGINEERS STRIKE AGAINST AIR  
NEW ZEALAND

1. REPORTS FROM AUCKLAND, SUPPORTED BY MINISTRY OF  
TRANSPORT HERE, INDICATE POSSIBILITY OF A STRIKE BY THE  
ENGINEERS UNION AGAINST AIR NEW ZEALAND. IN NEGOTIATIONS  
WHICH BEGAN AUGUST 2, ENGINEERS APPARENTLY MAKING EXCEED-  
INGLY HIGH DEMANDS, INCLUDING AN 80 PERCENT TO 110 PERCENT  
RISE IN WAGES AND A 35 HOUR WEEK, WHICH AIR NEW ZEALAND  
WOULD BE HARD PRESSED TO MEET, PARTICULARLY AS IT WOULD  
TRIGGER FURTHER DEMANDS FROM PILOTS AND OTHERS FOR PARITY  
INCREASES.

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2. WHILE PRESIDENT OF ENGINEERS UNION ADVISED LABATT THAT  
CONDITIONS FOR STRIKE NOT CURRENTLY PRESENT AND WORK STOP-  
PAGE OF ANY KIND CERTAINLY NOT IMMINENT, OTHERS CONNECTED  
WITH NEGOTIATIONS IN AUCKLAND BELIEVE CLIMATE FOR STRIKE  
BY ENGINEERS MORE SERIOUS. STOPPAGE, SHOULD ONE OCCUR,  
WOULD LIKELY NOT COME BEFORE SEPTEMBER AND COULD RANGE

FROM A TOKEN WALKOUT IN AUCKLAND ALONE TO A NATIONWIDE SHUTDOWN OF ALL INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL TRAFFIC. MILITARY FLIGHTS VIA CHRISTCHURCH WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE AFFECTED UNLESS ENGINEERS WERE JOINED BY OTHER UNIONS SUCH AS THOSE WHICH DELIVER FUEL TO THE AIRPORT.

3. MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT IS FULLY AWARE OF USG INTEREST IN THIS MATTER AND HAS PROMISED TO KEEP US INFORMED. WE WILL BE FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENTS CLOSELY HERE AND IN AUCKLAND AND WILL INFORM DEPARTMENT. SELDEN

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